REMARKS

This paper is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed May 6, 2004. Please reconsider the action in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-23 are pending in this application.

1. Response to Objections to Specification

The Examiner objected to the specification due to three informalities.

First, the Examiner objected that on page 9, line 12: "darks colors" should read "dark colors". This change has been made to the specification.

Second, the Examiner objected that on page 9, line 13, "be much too contrast" should read "have much to contrast". To correct this typographical error, the specification has been corrected to read "have too much contrast".

Third, the Examiner objected that on page 19, line 2, "profile is requires" should read "profile is required". This change has been made to the specification.

2. Response to Objections to Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5). The reference number "252" is actually mentioned in the specification – on page 14, line 2. The reference number "208", which is not mentioned in the description has been removed from Figure 2 of the drawings. The applicant believes that the objections to the drawings are overcome by these amendments.

3. Response to Rejections Under 35 USC § 112

a.   35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claims 1-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The basis for the Examiner's rejection is that the term "source rendering intent" does not meet the enablement requirement. Specifically, Examiner states that "because it relies on the commonly accepted interpretation of rendering intent as it relates to the

intended mapping type used to render an output", the "use of 'rendering intent' to a source or input is obscure and lacks sufficient meaning to allow for proper understanding of the specification and the claims."

The applicant respectfully submits that the claim as written meets the enablement requirements of § 112, first paragraph. The source rendering intent is one of the two rendering intents recited in the claims. The other rendering intent is called the destination rendering intent. Claim 1, for example, recites (a) "transforming data from the source device color space to an intermediary color space . . . using . . . a source rendering intent" and (b) "transforming . . . data from the intermediary color space to the destination device color space using . . . a destination rendering intent". Because two rendering intents are recited, they are distinguished by the use of two names. Each one is used to map an input to an output.

The terminology is used consistently throughout the specification. Because the claim language is readily understood in light of the specification, the applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

b.   35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph

Claims 1-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The basis for the Examiner's rejection is that the term "source rendering intent" is indefinite. Specifically, Examiner states that "it relies on the commonly accepted interpretation of rendering intent as it relates to the intended mapping type used to render an output", and the "use of 'rendering intent' relating to a source or input therefore is obscure and lacks sufficient meaning to allow for proper understanding of the claims."

The applicant respectfully submits that the claim as written meets the requirements of § 112, second paragraph, for the reasons set forth above in relation to the rejection based on the first paragraph of § 112. The source rendering intent is manifestly not related to a mapping to a source. Rather, the source rendering intent is one of the two rendering intents recited in the claims. The other rendering intent is called the destination rendering intent. Because two
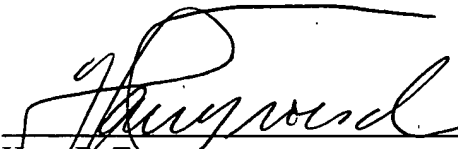
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Respectfully submitted,

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